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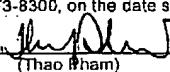
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SIMULATING
A CIRCUIT HAVING HIERARCHICAL
STRUCTURE

Examiner: S. Patel

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 5, 2006 (Paper No. 724277), for which a response was due on July 5, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to Monday, August 7, 2006 (August 5, 2006 falls on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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